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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor/Owner: STEPHEN G. LAROCK

For: HAND-HELD DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY ATTACHING OR DETACHING A WATER DRIP  
SYSTEM CONNECTOR OR PLUG

Inventor(s) and assignee(s) (if applicable) claim small entity status under  
37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 3 sheet(s) of formal drawings.
  - ☐ An assignment of the invention to
  - ☐ Form PTO-1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
  - ☐ A certified copy of application.
  - ☐ Specimens (2 minimum)
  - ☒ Declaration/Statement and Power of Attorney.
  - ☒ Specification and Claims.
  - ☒ 13 copies of prior art references listed on the enclosed PTO 1449 Form.
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| BASIC FEE  |            |           |              | \$375.00 |                              | \$  |
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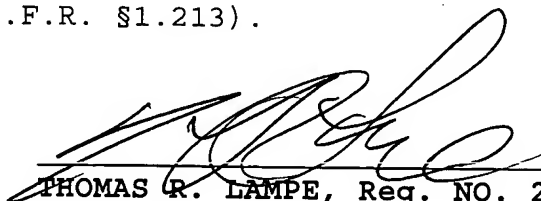
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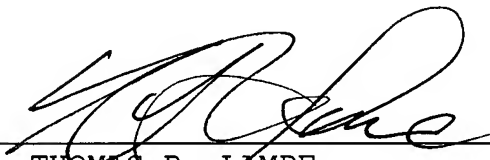
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| <b>NONPUBLICATION REQUEST<br/>UNDER<br/>35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b> | First Named Inventor   |   | STEPHEN G. LAROCK |
|   | Title                  | HAND-HELD DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY ATTACHING<br>OR DETACHING A WATER DRIP SYSTEM CONNECTOR OR<br>PLUG |                   |
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